

John Hancock Esq.^r

London 8. Dec. 1770

Dear Sir

Several Vessels have arrived from Boston, but have not recd any of your favours; We have therefore very little to trouble you with at present. Inclosed you have Accd. Sales of 4 Casks Sugar delivered as by Capt. White for Nett P^d. of which have credited you £52.15.5. What White Cryst has arrived has been sold at £27. but it is impossible to say whether that price will be kept up to, when the large quantities arrive. It will greatly depend upon the state of Publick affairs, which are at present very disagreeable. There is not the least ground to form a judgment upon, whether we shall have Peace or War - Pot Ash is rather lower than it was, but will still sell for 4s.

Nothing is yet done with Whalebone, your two small Parcels remain still unsold, but if they continue so much longer, we will make up the Accd. Sales of the other parts of your Cargoes without the Bone & leave that to be accounted for afterwards. We are in daily expectation of the arrival of more Ships from Boston, by some of whom we hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you. We are &c.

Copy/Orig. J^r Robson

Dear Sir

29th Dec^r 1770

Since our last of which the above is Copy We have had the pleasure of receiving your several esteemed favours of the 5th, 19th, 23rd, 26th & 27th Nov^r. The Insurances therein ordered for £2200 on Scott & £2000 on Hood were immediately executed at the very lowest rate, the Rec^{ts} of which you will find enclosed P^{ro} of the former being £80.16.6 & of the latter £55.5.6 w^{ch} sums are to your debit.

Scott arrived in our River last Wednesday but on account of the Holidays has not yet begun to unload but will on Monday next. All possible dispatch shall be given him & You may depend upon our endeavours to procure him a full freight for Boston, which we have no doubt we shall be able to do so as to dispatch him early in February. The Goods You order for yourself shall be shipped on board him & those cons^d us by him shall be disposed of to the best advantage. We cannot yet form a judgment what will be the price of Oil but we hope not less than £27. Whalebone still remains without a price. We believe there has not been a single parcel of American Bone yet sold. In our next we propose enclosing Your Acct^t to the end of the Year, in which will be included every thing up to Scott except the two small parcels of Tins.

The bills enclosed in Yours of 26th 5th Nov^r amounting to £396. 14. 6 are accepted & those drawn on us for £325 of £2500 are accepted by us & both shall be duly placed when due to Your debit & credit which will be in the next years Acct^t.

We wish we were able to inform You that Your demand on Mr. Syme upon ac^t of the Thames was settled. We have not failed to make frequent application to him, but he now hushes it off till she arrives again, but then he says it will be certainly settled. Capt. Watt has taken to his own Acct^t all the outstanding debts due to the Owners in the West Indies & has given Mr. Syme his Bond for the amount bearing Interest from the day of its date, w^{ch} was some time in Octo^r last & Mr. Syme agrees to pay Interest on Your demand from the same time. We have insisted upon Your having a right to interest from the time Your bill was protested, w^{ch} he does not seem to think very unreasonable, but avoids giving any positive

promise & indeed we believe he does not intend to pay any
Interest but from the date of Watts obligation; We don't however
mean to give it up without your orders if we can help it

Davis is arrived in the River without any Insurance on
your Byl on board him, but had a very narrow escape in the
downs We apprehend we shall have something to pay for
a General Average upon him The bill for £100 on Anby

Colombius is also accepted & will be to your credit in due
course We are obliged to you for the candid manner in w^h
you recommend Mr. Bant; The applications we have recd this
year for opening new Accounts are very many; several we think
it right to decline, but your recommendation of Mr. Bant has
induced us to determine to send him the supply of Goods he
writes for & we hope we shall ^{have} no cause hereafter to repent
of our so doing. We shall not possibly find time to write to him
by this vessel & should therefore esteem it a favour that you
acquaint him he may expect his Goods off Scott

Publick affairs here continue in the ^{same} state of disagreeable
uncertainty as they have done for near 4 months past, no
possibility of judging whether we shall have peace or war,
The Naval Armament is carrying on with great appearance
of a certain War & the press for Seamen is so very warm
as greatly to obstruct Trade Naval Stores of every kind
are much advanced, Hemp is now £3/4 & Ton & we have
sold Tarr at 13/6 & Barrel w^{ch} we have been offered for
Your small parcel on board Scott but have not yet taken
it Turpentine is 8/4 & Barrel We are with the greatest esteem

Dear Sir Your most humble Serv^t
Hayley & Hopkins

D^r John Hancock Esq. for the following Insur^{ies}
 700 on ship values
 1500 Cargoes
2200 Lydia J^r. Scott at 8 per Boston to London
 23 qu. of 69. 6. —
 Policy — 10. 6
 Commission 11. — 20. 16. 6

500 on ship & freight
 1000 Goods
1500 Lydia Jos. Wood at 8 per Boston to London
 23 qu. of 47. 5. —
 Policy — 10. 6
 Commission 7. 10. — 55. 5. 6

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